

Summer Hit List

10 Reasons to attend Festival del Sole's 10th anniversary.

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1. To pretend you're the king of the castle. On July 17, the 10th anniversary launch party kicks off in the Great Hall and atop the castle tower at Castello di Amorosa.
2. To taste from 40 wineries at one stop. Plus, see the first-ever Town and Country cooking competition between San Francisco chefs and Napa Valley chefs. Taste of Napa is July 18 in the former Copia building.
3. To run through Napa with hundreds of your best friends. The Sun Run starts at 8 a.m. on July 18 at Lincoln Theater in Yountville.
4. To hear Beethoven's epic Ninth Symphony. Festival organizers have been saving this one for a special occasion—and that occasion is July 18.
5. To hear Kevin Spacey sing. The House of Cards star will perform American standards on July 19 at the Annual Festival Gala at Meadowood.
6. To hear the most famous pop baritone in the world. Dmitri Hvorostovsky will be at Moscow Nights on July 22 at Castello di Amorosa.



7. To enjoy an Italian feast. Specifically, one prepared by Michelin-starred Italian chef Stefano Masanti on July 22 at V. Sattui.
8. To dine at Charlie Palmer's Harvest Table dinner. Palmer bought the Harvest Inn last year and is partnering with Silver Oak for a July 23 dinner.
9. To do yoga in the vineyard. It starts at 9:30 a.m. on July 25 at Solage Calistoga.
10. To enjoy dinner amid the vineyards at Quintessa. Organizers won't reveal details but promise that the July 25 event will be "one of the most amazing dining events ever."

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